



R. POLK'S DRUG STORE.

RICHARD POLK.

The above named gentleman is one of Union City's most popular and prominent citizens, and occupies a position as a competent physician, second to none in the State. Esq. Polk has been a resident of this county about 30 years, moving here from Nolensville, Williamson County in 1869.

In 1878, he began the drug business. Twenty-one years of experience has made him about as perfect in his business as one generally becomes. He is a member of the Christian Church, and since he became a resident of Union City has occupied the position of mayor, marshal, recorder, alderman, chairman

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of the School Board, and at present is one of the county's most faithful and efficient magistrates.

The consumption of rubber in the United States has attained enormous proportions and is still rapidly growing. In 1896 we used 34,000,000 pounds in 1897 over 42,000,000 and in 1898, 44,254,923.

Among the 65,000 inhabitants of Naples, 80,000 never know today wherewith they shall buy their meals tomorrow.

J. M. MASSENGILL.

J. M. Massengill, son of W. Z. Massengill, was born in Union City in 1876 and when 8 years of age removed with his father's family to the farm, where he remained 10 years, but not liking farm life decided to engage in some other occupation, and looking around for an avocation decided to become a disciple of Blackstone. From '91 to '93 he attended Bethel College, and from there he went to Dixon Normal, where he had conferred upon him the degree of L. L. After leaving Dixon College he went to Knoxville and there attended the University of Tennessee. His last course was



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taken in the University of Nashville. Mr. Massengill is a close student, spending the greatest portion of his time in reading and the pursuits of knowledge, and is determined to write his name among the most prominent lawyers of the State. He is by profession a school teacher, has had an extensive experience as an instructor and has conferred upon him a life-time certificate to teach, by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He loves his profession, but wishes to become a lawyer, and at present is giving his time and attention to that profession being assisted in his studies by Hon. J. M. Ownby.

COMMERCIAL BANK.

The Commercial Bank of Union City, was organized in 1895, as successor to the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank, which was organized in 1891. The Commercial also succeeded the old Bank of Union City, which went into liquidation about the same time. The Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank was in existence only four years, embracing the great financial depression of '91 to '94, and was liquidated in 1894 with a loss on its assets of less than 1/4 of one per cent, which is one of the most remarkable showings in the history of National Banking in this country.

The Commercial is under the same management; the same people almost entirely that owned and controlled the affairs of the old Farmers' and Merchants' Bank are to-day directing the affairs of the Commercial, which is recognized as one of the soundest and most conservative financial institutions in the country. It is scarcely necessary for us to mention that Messrs. Jno. T. Walker, Herman Dietzel and T. L. Bransford who were at the head of the old Farmers' and Merchants' Bank and whose intelligence and business wisdom conducts the affairs of the Commercial are the most conservative and responsible financiers, not only in Union City but in all West Tennessee.

The business of the Commercial Bank has grown steadily since its opening day, and its volume of trade was never so large as at present, having more than 600 active accounts on its ledgers. It is the principal aim of the management to adapt its needs and wants to the farmers, stock-dealers and traders of the county, and to subserve their interests at the least possible cost to themselves. The practical experience of its management, each of whom having formerly been engaged in some of these pursuits gives them a thorough knowledge of the wants of their patrons, and they are able to extend accommodation in a way that is appreciated by the great number of people who do business with this



COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDING.

UNION CITY ROLLER MILL CO.

The Union City Roller Mill Company was the first enterprise of the kind in Obion County to make meal and flour by the roller process. The original cost of this enterprise which has been of incalculable benefit to Union City and its people, was in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It is one of the most complete plants of the kind in West Tennessee, and

W. L. ODOM & SON.

The senior member of the above-named firm is one of Obion County's oldest and most highly-respected citizens. He is also head of the firm of Odom & Hefley, at Woodland Mills. His son, John R. Odom, who is in charge of the Union City firm was born in Dyersburg, Tenn., 1851, and engaged in farming until twenty years of age

GEORGE DAHNKE.

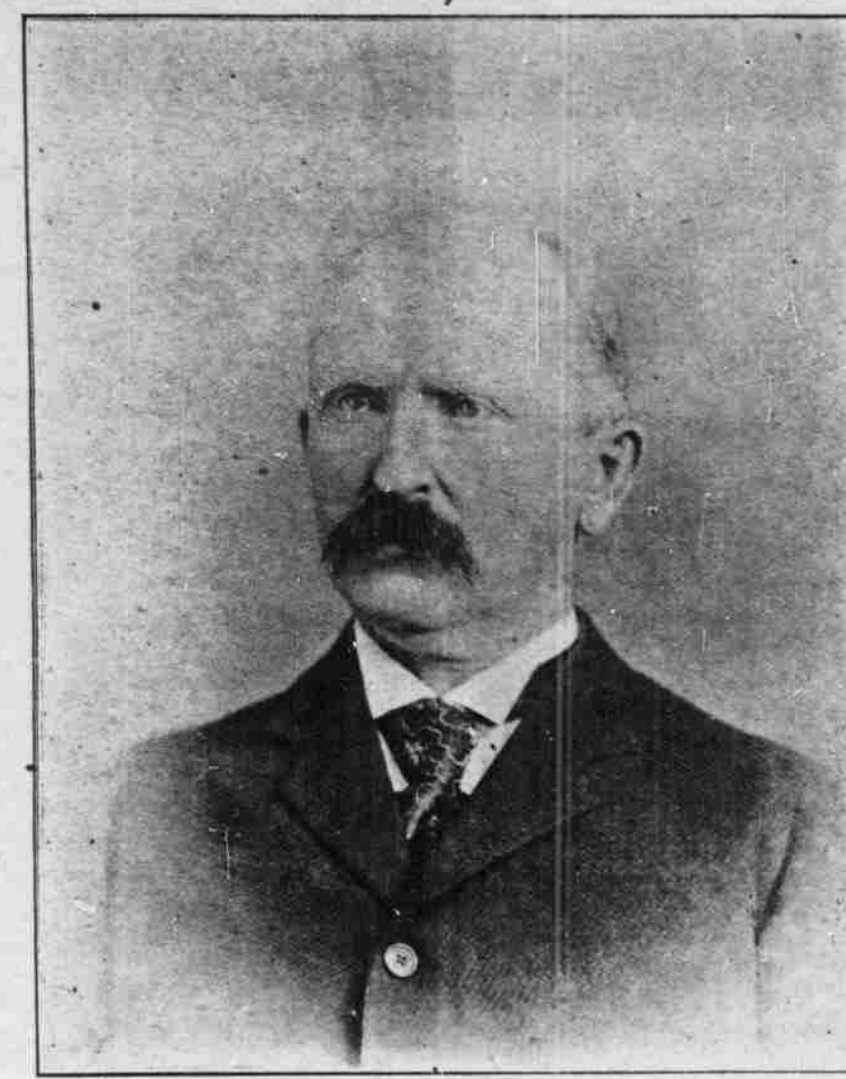
Mr. George Dahnke came to Union City in October 1887, and worked for L. E. Boswell in the bakery and confectionery business three months; and as the proprietor had not succeeded in his expectations he disposed of his business to Mr. Dahnke, which at that time was a very small affair. Feeling the need of an assistant, Mr. Dahnke sent for his brother, Henry, who at that time was a resident of Nashville, Ill., and installed him as clerk. By George's perfect familiarity with the business, his strict honesty and courtesy to customers his trade increased from the start, and soon put him on the plane of assured success.

In 1891 Mr. Dahnke bought a two-story brick building on First Street, and at great expense repaired and fitted it up to his liking as an elegant, up-to-date confectionery and cafe. Seeing the need of bread in many small towns which could not afford a first-class bakery, he began to solicit this trade, which to-day extends to nearly every town in West Tennessee and Kentucky.

In 1894, in connection with his brother, C. F. Dahnke, he opened a confectionery and cafe at Fulton, Ky., which to-day is the pride of that progressive little city.

In 1891, a company of capitalists built and put in operation in Union City, at a cost of \$30,000, one of the most complete ice factory plants in the State, but through a lack of executive ability the business failed to pay, and in 96 they disposed of it, at a great loss, to Dahnke Bros.; and from the moment of their possession the business began paying a handsome profit, and to-day is one of the best pieces of property in the city.

In 1898, George and his brothers, John and Fred, opened in Dyersburg a confectionery and cafe, which filled a long-felt want, at the solicitation of some of the best citizens of that town. To the people of either town mentioned above the word Dahnke is to them what Floyd is to Memphis, Wormley to Washington or Delmonico to New



MAYOR JNO. T. WALKER.

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Hon. Jno. T. Walker is Union City's mayor, and a better one the town never had, nor never will have, as for that matter, Mr. Walker is one of the best financiers in West Tennessee, honest as the day is long, and regardless of any public criticism he is going to discharge his official duties according to what he considers the best interest of the people he represents. He is serving his second term as mayor, and has given general satisfaction, and added much to the city's interest. He is one of the city's wealthiest citizens and has invested considerable of his means in local real estate, which is an evidence of his faith in our material and financial progress.

A New York woman has patented a bicycle attachment for repelling the attacks of dogs, consisting of a perforated box containing pepper or other substance, with a bulb on the handle, bar to force air through the tube into the box to discharge the pepper.

C. H. MOREHEAD.

The gentleman whose name heads this article, has made Union City his home for the past two decades. His first employment in the city was in a furniture factory and lumber yard, and in the latter business he became an expert and was for five or six years inspector and shipper for some of the largest dealers of lumber in this section, his work being on the lines of railroads entering Union City and on the Mississippi River.

About 1891, he took up the carpenter's and builder's business, which he was compelled to give up



C. H. MOOREHEAD.

at the expiration of two years on account of ill health, and embarked in the real estate and insurance business. He has the agency of two of the oldest and best companies in the country, the Phoenix, of Hartford, and the Balaio, of Basle, Switzerland. He is also managing member of the firm of Chas. H. Morehead & Co., grocers, and coal dealers, whose place of business is at the corner of First and Bell streets.

A Frightful Blunder.

Will often cure a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures old sores, fever sores, ulcers, boils, fester, corns, all skin eruptions. Best cure on earth. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by W. A. Nalling, druggist.

Two persons die every second.

Sound moves 743 miles per hour.

New York's net debt is \$240,000,000.

A rifle ball moves 1,400 miles per hour.

English collieries employ 385,000 people.

The receipts of the Suez Canal in 1898 were \$17,581,200.

The Transvaal has seventy-four gold mining companies.

A big trust to develop the iron industry of Nova Scotia has just been formed, with a capital of \$20,000,000.

If you can't work well in hot weather, take Prickly Ash Bitters, it regulates the important organs of the body and fortifies the system to resist the enervating influence of summer heat. For sale by R. Polk.

S. A. CARTER.

S. A. Carter, the subject of this sketch, is a native of the Old Dominion, and came to Union City twenty-odd years ago and purchased a farm near town, but rural life not being to his liking, he disposed of his farm some fifteen years ago and embarked in the piano business as a salesman of some of the largest and most prominent factories in the United States. Ever striving for the best, and after years of experience in the business he was able to form an accurate estimate of the worth of the various instruments on the market, and to-day he handles the finest pianos and organs known to the trade, and which are recommended



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by the most competent critics in the world. It matters not what others may say, Sam Carter is the oldest piano and organ dealer in this section of the country, and the hundreds of instruments he has sold is a standing advertisement for him, as to his integrity and honesty in business and his thorough knowledge of the line of goods he handles.

WILL D. MUSE.

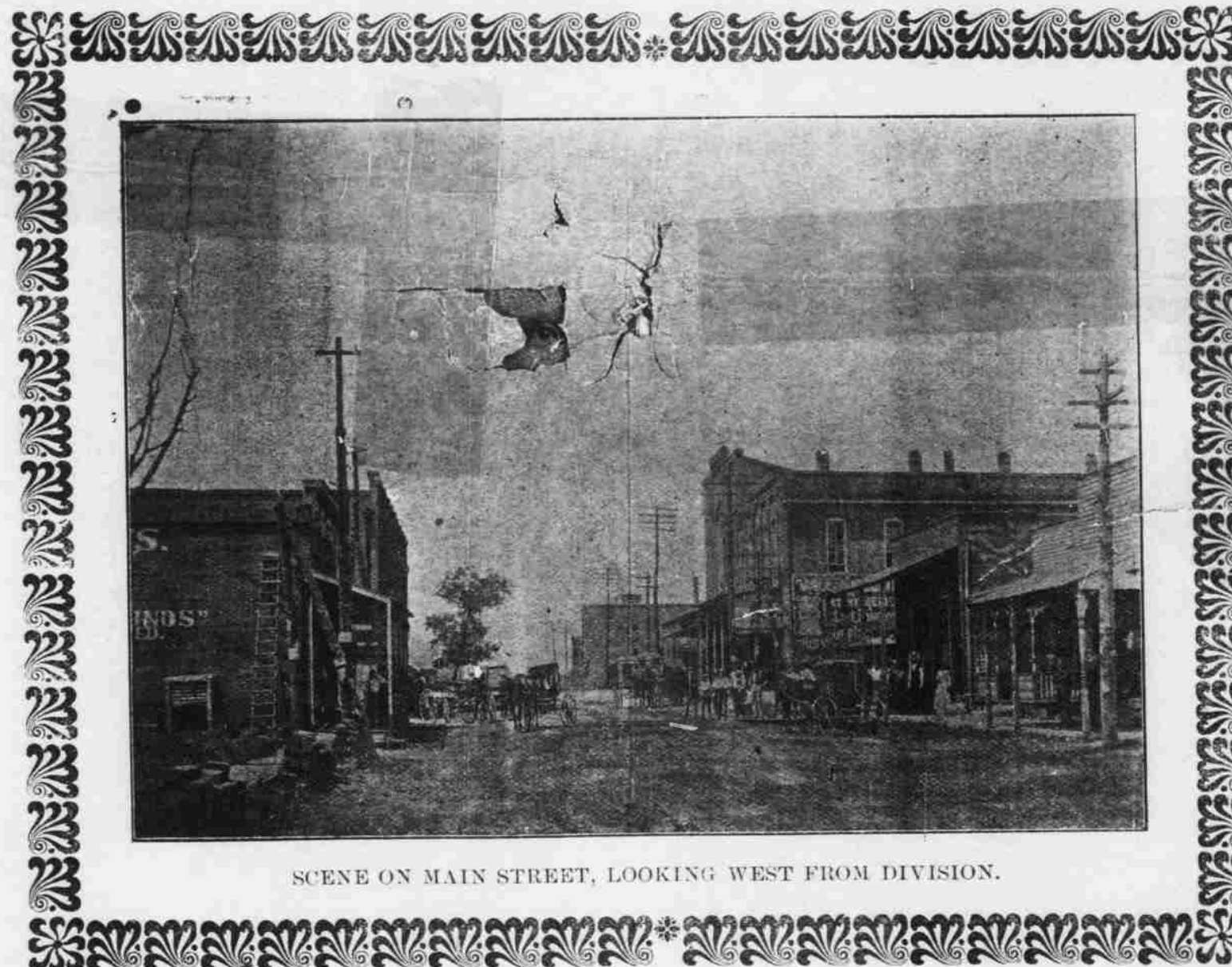
Will D. Muse has been a resident of Union City since the beginning of 1898, and we venture the assertion that no one ever came to Union City and in the same length of time made more firm and steadfast friends—the cause of which has been his pure upright life and gentlemanly social qualities. The muse is well developed in Will, and since a mere boy his poems, published in local papers, have delighted many, and lately some of the poetical children of his brain have been given prominent places in metropolitan dailies; to the gratification of thousands; and we predict that in time his talent will place him in the front rank of American poets.

Mr. Muse was born in Franklin county, Tenn., in 1877, and lived on the farm until sixteen years of age, when he went into a drug store to learn pharmacy, and continued



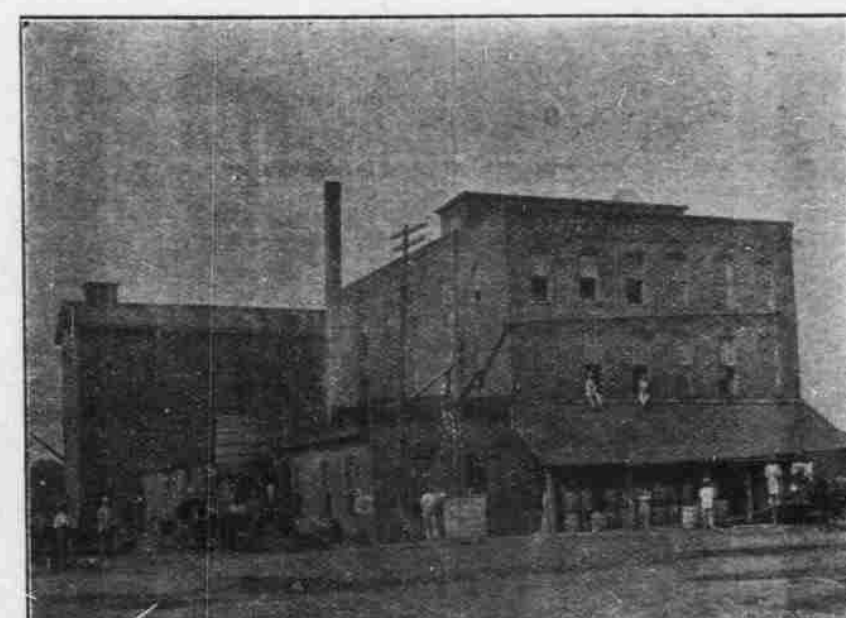
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with the firm until 1895 when he accepted a position with the drug firm of O. B. Kerlin, at Jordan, Ky., with whom he continued until he came to Union City to accept a position as reporter and assistant editor of the Obion Democrat, where he remained a year, and then accepted a position on the Daily Commercial-Courier as reporter and local editor. In the latter capacity he served until the discontinuance of the daily, when he returned to his first love, and accepted a position with the popular drug firm of J. R. Thompson.



SCENE ON MAIN STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM DIVISION.

its fame as a maker of the finest grades of flour and meal has grown with each succeeding year until to-day the products of the Union City Roller Mill Co. is known far and near as the best that can be produced in that line. The firm, which since '94 has been composed of A. Semones, E. Fulton, buy wheat and corn, always paying the highest market price, and do probably the largest custom and merchant business



UNION CITY ROLLER MILLS.

ness of any mill in this section. The mill uses the Fairbank Stan dark Scale, and a farmer who deals with them can be assured of having placed to his credit every ounce of grain he sells or trades to them.

Imperfect digestion and assimilation produce disordered conditions of the system, which grow and are confirmed by neglect. Herbine gives tone to the stomach, and causes good digestion. Price 50c. Sold by J. R. Thompson.

of the handsomest residences in Union City, but has several others which he rents, and is preparing to build a handsome two-story brick business house to conduct his large grocery and general merchandise business.

Fortify the body to resist malarial germs by putting the system in perfect order. Prickly Ash Bitters is a wonderful system regulator. Sold by R. Polk.